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Although as a County grain growing will assuredly be one of its most important agricultural industries—simply because it possesses within its borders a large quantity of the very highest class of wheat growing land to be met with in the world, and the cultivation of that crop, has hitherto, and we trust will be, attended with probably a greater measure of success than in any other part of the province—yet stock raising is, and always will be, a subject which will command great attention. The valleys of the Assiniboine and Pine stone, the thousands of acres of rich hay and pasture lands surrounding the beautiful stretch of water called Oak Lake, together with scattered sections in the north-east part of the County, furnish the best growing lands we have. Large herds of good cattle are already to be found in these localities; sheep are being successfully raised by some farmers, a few of whom have considerable flocks; horse raising, which is now carried on by a few, will soon be taken up by almost every farmer; and thus, with the careful breeding of pig and poultry, already extensively carried on, we will soon bring us to the level of districts which were well settled when this county was still unbroken prairie.

Knowing what Agricultural Societies, properly conducted, have done for districts in Ontario and the old countries, we would draw the attention of every class in the community to the County of Dennis Agricultural Society's meeting, which is so previously announced, to be held at Virden next Monday. This society has been characteristic of the people in its rapid progress, and so far it has been, financially, a success.

On the date of the first show, the weather proving unfavorable, very few attended; on the occasion of the second exhibition, however, held on Oct. 26th, and still fresh in the minds of all, the Society had the pleasure of knowing, that as far as contribution to the different classes and stations among the public were concerned, they had made a decided success. Over two hundred dollars was awarded in prizes, and the citizens of Virden and Elkhorn, as well as friends from other parts, contributed largely to the success of this show by offering special prizes.

We feel, however, that it is only consistent with the progress being made in other quarters, that a very largely increased share of attention be given to the society in the coming year. Farmers, merchants and all other residents in the County are equally interested in a society of this nature, and all ought to attend a meeting of such importance. In addition to the business already announced to you before the meeting there are other matters of interest—connected with the cultivation of grain, the raising of stock, and the advisability of importing draught for general purposes, stations, by the society or otherwise, stations, by the society or otherwise, for the improvement of stock—which

should be brought under discussion. So far this society has had to fight its way without assistance from the Provincial Legislature, which, however, it is confidently expected it will receive next year. This, with a judicious grant from each of our Municipal Councils and the increased interest of individuals, will make the success of next year's work a foregone conclusion.

VIRDEN COUNCIL.

The last meeting of the 1885 Council was held at the Virden House, Virden, on Tuesday, Dec. 1st.

Present: Mayor McNeill in the chair, and Councillors Angus, Justice and Christy.

Admittances accompanied by specimen descriptions will be sent up with a Preliminary Report.

Arrears rendered monthly.

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Argus.—*Editor.*—That the report of the Public Works Committee be accepted. Carried.

Argus.—*Editor.*—That the Collector demand the amount against John Conack, charged for Statute Labor, and that the Clerk notify the Collector to have work done next year.

Argus.—*Editor.*—That the following amounts be recommended by the Collector to the Public Works Committee, to pay him \$100. V. I. Smith, collector, \$100; James & Miller, lumber, \$100; James & Miller, lumber, logs, etc., \$100; V. I. Smith, Fred. Prentiss, collector's rolls, \$3.75; R. Leggally, for fee of room for nine days, \$10; Ormond Jones, Elkhorn, use of room for engraving, \$1; T. D. Courtney, Elkhorn, use of room for two days, \$10; John McNeil, Elkhorn, use of room for engraving, \$1; John McNeil, Elkhorn, use of room for engraving, \$12.30; W. H. MacLellan, salary, \$125. Total, \$264.25.

Argus.—*Editor.*—That the Council vote the Reeve the sum of \$100 indemnity and reasonable remuneration in which he will fill the chair for the past year. Carried.

Argus.—*Editor.*—That the Reeve having left the chair the Council wait in Committee of the Whole, Counterpart in his chair, to report on By-laws 28, 29 and 30. By-law 38, to locate a place to accommodate the School House, Virden. By-law 25, to appoint Returning Officers and polling places for the election of Reeve and Councillors for 1886, the following officers being appointed: W. H. McNeill, Reeve; R. D. Bellamy, Auditor; F. L. Williams, Clerk; John Robinson and D. F. McGregor, Deputy Returning Officers; By-law 30, for the remuneration of the Councillors for 1886. By-laws 28, 29 and 30 were read a first and second time.

The Reeve resumed the chair and By-laws were read a third time and passed.

Argus.—*Editor.*—That the applications of Mason, Bellamy and Joslin for one horse each destroyed by gilders are received and approved. Part of one claim of said animals being within this year, or when there is money in the treasury, as provided in By-law 26. Carried.

Joslin.—*Argus.*—That Mr. Carr be appointed to the sum of \$100 for the sum of \$100 for the printing and publishing of the bills of exchange or bonds if funds are in the treasury, for a horse that was destroyed by order of the Veterinarian, and valued at \$100. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned till all of the Reeve.

W. H. McDONALD, Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but are willing to give space in our paper to any article of interest, even if it does not agree with our views.

We do not publish any letter, opinion or article, unless it is signed, and we reserve

the right to accept or reject any publication.

TAXES.

To the Editor of the Virden Advance:

For a number of years I have had several letters

inquiring about what would be done

with land in arrears for taxes. I have

been unable to find any information

on the subject, and so we were

further inquiries from the interested.

The District Board at Brandon will

soil, about the 1st of March, most, all lands, occupied or unoccupied, paying for taxes for 1884, unless sooner paid, with interest, and if advertised the cost of advertising. In the case of lands where the title is in the Crown or the Indians, the same would only such interest as the Crown may have in or part of, with the Northwest Company's lands will be sold at the same time.

A. G. McDougall, Reeve.

ACROSS THE RIVER.

To the Editor of the Virden Advance:

Your talented correspondent seems to have oxidized himself in a field suitable to reply to an item which appeared in your column about two months ago concerning some sale being made from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I would like to say that I am sorry that your correspondent from "Across the River" has been misinformed in the matter. I beg to state that my correspondent was well acquainted with the facts prior to his proposed purchase of said grain and hemp seed, and that he was informed from the owner himself.

Mr. Innocent says there may be some excuse for me seeing that I have friends boarding with the general, or long distance, passenger train at Stoney Mountain. Mr. L. has the navigation of me there, but if I have friends there or elsewhere it is convenient to think it best for breaking the tenth commandment. I would also say that the party intended to have more trials in this country than ever Mr. L. is likely to have.

POODLES.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. WESTERN DIVISION.

TRAIN SERVICE.

On and after May 1st, 1886, trains will move as follows:

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Pipes Committee meets next Tuesday, at the residence of Councillor Clegg.

The Advance from now till Jan. 1st, 1887, for \$1.50. Now is the time to subscribe.

We would draw the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of Stevens' Downy Dres.

M. H. Bell, representative of Parsons & Ferguson, Winnipeg, was in town on Monday and gave us a call.

Any one putting up a club of five new subscribers, and sending us \$1.50, will receive the **ADVANCE** free for one year.

We understand that the Reformers of this town intend organizing a branch of the Liberal Association shortly.

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A meeting of the ratepayers of the Municipality of Wallace will be held in the Virden House, on Saturday next, at 3 p.m., to decide upon a proposal for the position of Reeve for the ensuing year.

There will be no service in the Methodist Church on Sunday next. Saturday evening the service being withdrawn to give all an opportunity of attending the opening service in the new Eng. Ch. C. wch.

The opening services of the English Church will be held next Sunday, morning and evening, on which occasion the Hallelujah will praise. During the morning a confirmation service will be held.

At the Branch Temperance held at Portage la Prairie last week, the committee, who had arranged the difficult in the church here, reported that irregularities did exist in the mode of electing and organizing elders, but that they were not of sufficient importance to invalidate the proceedings. Their report was adopted and became the finding of the Branch.

The new boarding house, on the north side of the hill, which has been named "The Queen," was opened last Tuesday evening with a fire, dance and supper. The proprietors, Messrs. Palmer and Mitchell, had prepared for the occasion but as a number of old persons made themselves at home, they should be left. For what they should be left. Whether it was done to bring discredit upon the house it is hard to say, but if it was the action was contemptible. We hope for the credit of the town, such committees will in the future be seen and far inferior.

The new organ for the Presbyterian church has arrived. It will be used on Sunday next.

A communication from Oak Lake and an original poem, "A. N. Z.", are awaiting us over till next week.

The Directors of the Dennis Agricultural Society met in Virden last Saturday, to prepare their reports for the annual meeting.

A Christian service will be held at the Methodist Church, Virden, on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Subject Christ the hope of the world."

At a meeting of the Manitoba Medical Students Association, held last week in Winnipeg, Mr. R. M. St. John, of St. Boniface, was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment will be held in the Presbyterian Church on the evening of Christmas Day. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken up in aid of the Building Fund.

Messrs. McLean & Graham have arranged a very successful threshing season. From their report to the Department of Agriculture we give the following extract: Total number of bushels threshed, 11,614. Wheat, 47,835 acres, 1,225 bushels per acre. Oats, 21,400 acres, 1,225 bushels per acre. Barley, 21,000 acres, 225 bushels per acre. Peas, 96,000 bushels. These gentlemen intend adding a traction engine and separator of greater capacity to their outfit, and

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The opening services of the English Church will be held next Sunday, morning and evening, on which occasion the Hallelujah will praise. During the morning a confirmation service will be held.

At the Branch Temperance held at Portage la Prairie last week, the committee, who had arranged the difficult in the church here, reported that irregularities did exist in the mode of electing and organizing elders, but that they were not of sufficient importance to invalidate the proceedings. Their report was adopted and became the finding of the Branch.

The new boarding house, on the north side of the hill, which has been named "The Queen," was opened last Tuesday evening with a fire, dance and supper. The proprietors, Messrs. Palmer and Mitchell, had prepared for the occasion but as a number of old persons made themselves at home, they should be left. For what they should be left. Whether it was done to bring discredit upon the house it is hard to say, but if it was the action was contemptible. We hope for the credit of the town, such committees will in the future be seen and far inferior.

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